



St Mark's C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Newsletter 1

On behalf of all the staff and governors I welcome you all back to a new school year! I hope you had a lovely time with your children and an especially warm welcome to all new children and parents.

We would also like to welcome our new teachers Mrs Miles, Mrs Vale-Taylor and Mrs Speight and also Mrs Savage to our team of support staff.

The staff have worked very hard to prepare for the new school year and I thank them for their dedication and I am really looking forward to another positive, happy and excellent year for everyone.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Please find attached some information about Clubs. Please complete the attached slip and return it to us as soon as possible. All school clubs start during the week commencing Monday 14th September.

Year 6 PESE (Procedure for Entry to Secondary School) Information

Parents of children in Year 6 who have applied to take the Kent Selection Tests are reminded of the following important date of Thursday 10th September when the children will be taking all their tests. The tests will start promptly at 9.10 and will be invigilated by the Headteacher of Broadwater Down and Mr Laurence, I will be invigilating at Broadwater Down. Please ensure that your child has had breakfast, brings with them a drinks bottle and arrives at school on time! The tests will end at approximately 12.30, there will be two short breaks between the papers.

Whether or not you came to my briefing meeting last term, all parents have been sent full details of the application process for applying for a place at a secondary school for your child. Once again parents are reminded that the application must be made online at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions or call 03000 416678

Applications must be made by the deadline of 31st October 2015.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.



Start of term Prayer Meeting

This is at 9.00 am on Tuesday 15th September in the library, please come and join us for God's blessing on the life, work and people of our school during the term ahead.

Other dates for your calendar so far

Thursday 1st October:- School Harvest Service - 10.00 am in the Church for Years 1 to 6, parents welcome, Early Years will be having their own special service in their class.

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October: - Parent Consultations will be held from 3.30 to 6.00 pm, an appointment booking letter will be sent out closer to the date.

Wednesday 11th November: - Open Morning for parents of children starting school in 2016 from 9.30 to 10.45 am.

Tuesday 8th December: - **10 am** EYFS Christmas performance
2.00 pm KS1 Christmas Performance (younger children welcome)

Wednesday 9th December: - **10 am** KS1 Christmas Performance
2.00 pm EYFS Christmas Performance (younger children welcome)

Wednesday 16th December: - Christmas School Service in St Mark's Church at 6.00 pm

Parentmail

As this is the first newsletter of the term we are sending all parents a paper copy. Parentmail will be up and running next week. If you have changed your email address or have not yet provided the school office with your email address please would you drop into the office and complete a form. Parentmail is our preferred, and the most secure way of sending letters and information out to parents as it goes directly to your email account.

Class Newsletters

Staff will be sending out class newsletters during this week.

Are you in receipt of Government Benefit payments?

If so please would you register at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to ensure that the school and your child can benefit from receipt of Pupil Premium Funding.

The school receives **£1300 per registered pupil**, last year we received £71 500 which we used to: -

- Provide small group work with an experienced teacher.
- 1-1 support.
- Additional teaching and learning opportunities, either in house or with an external provider.
- Financial support for swimming and curriculum visits.

Receipt of these funds plays a vital part in the education that we can provide for children throughout the school. Many thanks to everyone who is able to apply and does!

Term Dates

St. Mark's CEP School
Term Dates Academic Year 2015/2016
<p style="text-align: center;">Term 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 3rd September to Friday 23rd October</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Break Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October <i>NB inset days - Children start school on Monday 7th September</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Term 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Break Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January <i>NB inset day - Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Term 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Break Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Term 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 22nd February to Thursday 24th March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Break Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April <i>NB inset day - Children return to school on Tuesday 12th April</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Term 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 11th April to Friday 27th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Break Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Term 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July <i>NB inset day - Children finish school on Thursday 21st July</i></p>

Inset Day (5)

(May be subject to change)

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September

Monday 4th January

Monday 11th April

Friday 22nd July

Clubs

Please complete and return the attached clubs letter if you wish your child(ren) to join any of the clubs.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Dugate
Headteacher

Clubs DURING TERM 1 AND TERM 2 – Starting Monday 15th September 2014

There will be the following clubs:

					Tick the Clubs that your child will attend
Monday	Guitar	Y5 & 6	12.00 – 12.30	Mr Fenton	
	Spanish Club	EYFS/KS1	12.30 – 1.00	Ms Seminario	
	Football	Y4, 5 & 6	3.15 – 4.15	Mr Bird	
	Film Club	Y2 & 3	3.15 – 4.00	Miss King	
Tuesday	Eco Club	KS2	3.15 – 4.00	Mrs Reynolds	
Wednesday	Mathletics & Reading Eggs	KS2	12.00 – 12.30	Mr Dungate	
		Y1 & 2	12.30 – 1.00	Mr Dungate	
	Netball	KS2	3.15 – 4.15	Mrs Hammond	
	TAG Rugby	KS2	3.15 – 4.15	Mr Fenton	
	*Tatty Bumpkin	EYFS/KS1	3.05 – 4.00	Hilary Carroll 07511 048803	
Thursday	Eco Club	KS1	12.30 – 1.00	Mrs Reynolds	
	Cross Country	KS2	3.15 – 4.15	Mrs Kington	
	Book Club (Term 2)	KS1	3.15 – 4.00	Miss Hook	
	Art (Term 2)	Y1 & 2	3.05 – 4.00	Miss Drabble	
	*Karate	Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	6.00 – 6.45	Sarah Padget 01323 848677	
Friday	Project Club	Y6	8.25 – 8.45	Mrs White	
	Lego Club	KS2	12.30 – 1.00	Miss Watt	
	Sewing Club	Y6	12.30 – 1.00	Mrs Reynolds	
	Choir	KS2	3.15 – 4.15	Toni and Sarah	
	*Dance	Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3.15 - 4.15	Chloe Simmons 07957 769550	
	*First Class Football	Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3.30 - 4.30	Ben Tadmor 07740 703397	

*fee payable

NB. Karate, Dance, Tatty Bumpkin and First Class Football have their own forms which are sent out separately as they are not run by the school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my childYr.....to take part in the clubs that I have ticked.

Should the necessity arise, I agree to the person in charge of the activity giving consent on my behalf for an anaesthetic to be administered or for any urgent medical or dental treatment to be given.

Signed Date